

THE POLICE BALL.

On Wednesday evening last one of the largest social gatherings ever witnessed in this town took place at the Police Barracks, the occasion being the ball given by the non-commissioned officers and constables of F Division to the citizens of Prince Albert, town and settlement. The committee of management had issued over 250 invitations, and so well and highly are the police thought of here that nearly every one was accepted, which brought together about 300 people. The large mess room was set apart for dancing and was gaily and artistically decorated for the occasion. The ceiling was festooned with drapery and the walls with wreaths of bayonets, carbines and other military accoutrements, together with bridles, whips and spurs, which were all artistically arranged. Over the main entrance, leading to the ballroom, was the device of two hands clasped in friendship's greeting; on the arm of one was to be seen the scarlet of the military uniform and on the other the more sombre black of the civilian, and around this was the word "Welcome," denoting the good feeling which exists between the people of our town and F troop. Dancing began about 9 o'clock and was kept up without ceasing until 4 a.m., on Thursday. The music was first class and was supplied by St. Louis' orchestra assisted by Ben. Cook and W. McKenzie. The arrangements were perfect in every respect; supper was served in the reading room, and a better supper was never before spread before the people here; it is needless to say they took advantage of it when the opportunity was given to them. All the troop were indefatigable in their endeavors to make their guests enjoy themselves and they succeeded admirably, sparing no pains or expense in doing so. The ladies were more numerous than at any previous social gathering and they all speak highly of the arrangements made for their comfort and the pleasant evening they spent. The guests did not begin to leave until about 2:30 and it was 4:30 a.m. before the last sleigh load left the barracks. The committee of management, Sergt. Montgomery, Staff Sergt. Brendon, Corp. Fleming, Consts. Gingras, Powers and Douglas are deserving of great credit for the immense success of the ball.

STATISTICAL.

The committee appointed by the citizens last December last to collect statistics as to the trade products, etc., of Prince Albert, town and settlement, have ascertained the following facts: In 1888 there were over 2,000 tons of merchandise imported, as against about 2,500 tons in 1887 and 3,000 in 1886. In '86 and '87 there were large quantities of oats and flour imported on account of the partial failure of the crops in those years. Seed grain imported is not included in the above. The quantities of grain raised in this district inclusive of the French settlement and Carlton in 1888 was as follows:—Wheat 50,360 bushels; oats, 83,974 bush; barley, 27,052 bush, making a grand total of 161,386 bushels of all kinds of grain. In 1882 there were about 200,000 bush. of wheat alone raised in the same district. The figures given above for last year are as nearly correct as it is possible to get them, as they were compiled from returns obtained from the different threshers working in the District. Besides the above a considerable quantity of grain was raised by the Indians last year. Supplies brought in by the N. W. M. P. are not included in the goods imported. There were about 300 head of cattle taken from here by outside purchasers and a considerable number of horses and thoroughbred cattle for breeding purposes, imported. The committee forwarded their report to Mr. Macdowall, M. P., at Ottawa.

SUPREME COURT.

A special session of the Supreme Court was held on Wednesday morning last, his Lordship Justice McGuire on the Bench. There were two criminal cases on the docket, which were disposed of as follows: Regina vs. Courtie—Larceny of a keg of syrup from R. T. Goodfellow's store. The prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months in jail at the barracks with hard labor. His Lordship in passing sentence took occasion to point out to the prisoner the heinousness of his offence and gave him some very good advice. Jas. McKay for the crown. Regina vs. Bird—Seduction of a girl under sixteen years of age. McKay for the crown. Macle for the prisoner. Mr. Macle asked for a jury, which was granted and the trial fixed for March the 15th.

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